

Kingdom and Australia. In this regard, the Applicants state that CSFB or a Foreign Affiliate of CSFB will be subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in PTE 99-45.

In addition, on page 46827 of the proposal, in the section captioned "Notice to Interested Persons," the Department is amending the termination date for the comment period from "30 days" from the date of publication of the proposed exemption in the **Federal Register** to "45 days" from such publication date. The revised time frame will then conform with the October 22, 2001 final date for the receipt of comments and hearing requests referenced on page 46827 in the **Dates** section of the proposal.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jan D. Broady of the Department at (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

Signed at Washington, DC, this 11th day of September, 2001.

**Ivan L. Strasfeld,**

*Director of Exemption Determinations,  
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration,  
U.S. Department of Labor.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Proposal Review Panel for Integrative Biology and Neuroscience; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Proposal Review Panel for Integrative Biology and Neuroscience (10745).

*Dates/Time:* October 24-26, 2001, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Place:* NSF, Room 680, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Judith Plesset, Program Director, Developmental Mechanism, Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience, Suite 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 292-8417.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Agenda:* Open Session: October 26th, 2001; 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—discussion on research trends, opportunities and assessment

procedures in Integrative Biology and Neuroscience with Dr. Mary Clutter, Assistant Director, Directorate for Biological Sciences.

*Closed Session:* October 24th, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; October 25th, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; October 26th, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To review and evaluate the Developmental Mechanisms proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason For Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: September 11, 2001.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Meeting Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-400]

### Carolina Power & Light Company; Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant; Exemption

#### 1.0 Background

Carolina Power & Light Company, (CP&L, the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. NPF-63, which authorizes operation of the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant (HNP). The license provides, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of one pressurized water reactor located in Wake and Chatham Counties, North Carolina.

#### 2.0 Request/Action

Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) § 55.59(a)(1) requires that each licensed operator successfully complete a requalification program developed by the licensee that has been approved by the Commission. This program is to be conducted for a continuous period not to exceed 24 months in duration and upon its conclusion must be promptly followed by a successive requalification program. In addition, pursuant to 10 CFR

55.59(a)(2), each licensed operator must also pass a comprehensive requalification written examination and an annual operating test.

By letter dated January 9, 2001, as supplemented on May 7, 2001, the licensee requested an exemption under 10 CFR 55.11 from the requirements of 10 CFR 55.59(a)(1) and (a)(2). The exemption requested will extend the current HNP requalification program from December 31, 2001, to March 31, 2002. The requested exemption would constitute a one-time extension of the requalification program duration.

#### 3.0 Discussion

Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.11, the Commission may, upon application by an interested person, or upon its own initiative, grant such exemptions from the requirements of the regulations in this part as it determines are authorized by law and will not endanger life or property and are otherwise in the public interest.

The Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 55.11, granting an exemption to the licensee from the requirements in 10 CFR 55.59(a)(1) and (a)(2) is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property, and is in the public interest. To require the licensee's operators and staff to support the comprehensive examination and operating tests schedule during the 24-month requalification cycle could have a detrimental effect on the public interest because it would remove qualified operators from extended shutdown for refueling, steam generator replacement, and power uprate modifications, which could interfere with the current HNP schedule. Further, this one-time exemption will provide additional operator support during plant shutdown conditions, which would provide a safety enhancement during plant shutdown operations, post-modification and maintenance testing. The affected licensed operators will continue to demonstrate and possess the required levels of knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to safely operate the plant throughout the transitional period via continuation of the current satisfactory licensed operator requalification program.

#### 4.0 Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commission hereby grants the licensee an exemption on a one-time only basis from the requirements of 10 CFR 55.59(a)(1) and (a)(2) to allow the current HNP requalification program to be extended beyond the 24 months, but not to exceed 27 months and to expire on March 31, 2002. Upon completion of the